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Request for Authority to Retain the NSC Memorandum Previously Loaned to OTR.

1. Under date of 14 April, the Office of Collection and Dissemination procured and loaned to the Office of Training a copy of the memorandum for the National Security Council, subject: Recommendations regarding the NSC, signed by [REDACTED] on 17 March 1953, with a copy of a letter from the President to [REDACTED]'s report attached. The [REDACTED] report originally was classified restricted and registered No. 3-8107; now is classified confidential. I wish to thank you for making these materials available to the Office of Training for study.

2. I request permission now to retain the single copy of these papers for the files of the War Plans Staff Officers Course which is now under preparation. A later paper, excerpts from the printed report of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives dated February 1954, containing [REDACTED] testimony about the organization of the NSC and its Planning Board, has been made available, which will be reproduced as study materials for the students in the course.

3. It is anticipated, however, that during the discussions on the National Security Council and its elements, students probably will be asking questions as to how the NSC has been reorganized. I feel that the subject papers, being the authoritative answer to such questions, should be on file in the Office of Training for reference.

4. I will appreciate advice as to whether I may be authorized to retain these documents for this purpose.

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